

Annotation

This diploma thesis aims to describe and interpret the events that happened in the Cistercian monastery in Osek near Duchcov close to the Czech state border with Germany. The focus will be put on the events that occurred in the years 1938 – 1950. The key period is especially connected with the end of the Second World War and with the expulsion of Germans and of the German religious that had been interned in the monastery. The second key period is associated with the foundation of the Salesian “studentát” (a training institution). Another theme is related to the nationwide “Akce K”, a raid on monasteries and a centralization of religious in internment camps. The thesis is mainly based on personal testimonies, which are presented in a relevant historical context with use of archive materials and of relevant literature about the relations between church and state in Czechoslovakia. The goal of the thesis is to present and describe the Cistercian order as such and the situation of this order in a Czech monastery, which is – for its vastness and splendour – called The Pearl of Ore Mountains.

Key words

Cistercians, monastery, expulsion, Osek, Salesians, interrogations

Title

The History of Osek Monastery in the Years 1938 – 1950.